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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT ELECT OF VENEZUELA

REF: CARACAS 10522

1. AS REFTEL INDICATES, IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WILL OFFICIALLY BE DECLARED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF VENEZUELA WHEN THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL HAS FINISHED ITS TALLY OF THE VOTES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, ELECTORAL COUNCIL WILL THEN PROCLAIM THE WINNING CANDIDATE AS PRESIDENT-ELECT OF VENEZUELA. HOWEVER, BEFORE THAT TIME, IT IS QUITE CONCEIVABLE THAT LOSING CANDIDATE WILL PUBLICLY CONCEDE THE ELECTIONS.

2. IN EITHER OF THE FOREGOING CONTINGENCIES, I HOPE THAT WE CAN BE PROMPT IN CONVEYING THE OFFICIAL CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT OF VENEZUELA. I SHOULD LIKE, THEREFORE, TO BE IN A POSITION TO HAVE A CONGRATUALTORY MESSAGE WHICH I CAN CONVEY IN PERSON TO THE WINNING CANDIDATE EITHER IMMEDIATELY UPON OFFICIAL WORD OF CONCEDED THE ELECTION FROM THE DEFEATED CANDIDATE OR FAILING THAT UPON OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION BY THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL THAT THE WINNING CANDIDATE IS PRESIDENT-ELECT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE PRESUME IN BOTH CONTINGENCIES THAT THIS WILL BE CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE COULD BE
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